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In re Application of : Lloyd OLSON and Nicolaos PAPADOPOULOS  
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Group Art Unit : 1724  
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Docket : THOLAM P152US

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the office action mailed December 13, 2002. In that action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a support grid subcombination, classified in class 52, subclass 664.
- II. Claims 12, 15-17, 23 and 24, drawn to a combination, classified in class 261, subclass 111.
- III. Claims 25-29, drawn to a splash bar subcombination, classified in class 428, subclass 33.

The Applicant provisionally elects the invention disclosed in Group I (claims 1-11) and it is requested that, without further action thereon, claims 12 - 29 be retained in this application pending disposition of this case and for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

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